



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Willson called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen on May 5, 2008 to order at 7:30 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Alderman Mike Clement gave the invocation.

2. ROLL CALL AND STATEMENT OF QUORUM

Roll call showed those present were Alderman Clement, Alderman Steinbrenner, Alderman Hamill, Alderman Ottenad, Alderman Diehl, Alderman Ryan, Mayor Willson and Attorney Gunn. A quorum was present.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Minutes of the April 21, 2008 Continued Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit to operate a restaurant and deli at 14433 Manchester Road

Alderman Ryan made the motion to approve the Minutes of the April 21, 2008 Continued Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit to operate a restaurant and deli at 14433 Manchester Road. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clement and carried unanimously.

b. Minutes of the April 21, 2008 Regular Board of Aldermen meeting – Session One

Alderman Ottenad made the motion to approve the Minutes of the April 21, 2008 Regular Board of Aldermen meeting – Session One. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clement and carried unanimously.

c. Minutes of the April 21, 2008 Regular Board of Aldermen meeting – Session Two

Alderman Clement made the motion to approve the Minutes of the April 21, 2008 Regular Board of Aldermen meeting – Session Two. The motion was seconded by Alderman Steinbrenner and carried unanimously.

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF ORDER OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Alderman Steinbrenner asked that a Historic Review Commission meeting report be added to the Agenda, and she said she would postpone the reading of item 10 (d) until the next Board of Aldermen meeting.

Alderman Clement made the motion to accept the Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ryan and carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

a. Introduction of two new Police Officers

Chief of Police John Connolly introduced Meredith Lebbing who grew up on the south end of the City and attended Manchester schools. He said that during the hiring process, she received an endorsement from her DARE instructor, Sergeant Chuck Hunn who remembered her from about 15 years ago. She has an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Meramec Community College, and she graduated in December from the St. Louis County Municipal Police Academy.

Chief Connolly introduced Diane Bolt, a three-year veteran of the University City Police Department. She has a Bachelors' Degree from Maryville University in Management and Marketing. She has the desire to be a School Resource Officer in the future.

b. Introduction of Administration Clerk

City Administrator Ed Blattner introduced Tiffany Baldrige, an employee of the City for a year now, and he said she is going to be trained to be a Deputy City Clerk to assist Ms. Baker. He said this is her first night to get some training and he wanted to introduce her.

c. Discussion regarding trash service – IESI Representatives

Mr. Lenny Neeley of IESI, 2629 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, said that Don Cobb, his new Operations Manager is not with him tonight; he is in a training seminar in Dallas, so he will be attending the next meeting. Mr. Neeley said that Mr. Cobb has over 30 years of experience as an Operations Manager primarily in the St. Louis marketplace.

Mr. Neeley said there has been a very smooth start-up with the yard waste season this April. He said they have taken a proactive approach to yard waste removal.

Alderman Clement said that perhaps there has been a good opening for the yard waste pickup, but he has never received as many complaints as he has recently, and he is not one who has expressed concerns and complaints about the quality of the trash pickup, because he is not normally the one who receives resident complaints. He said that during the month of April, he has received dozens of comments and e-mails, even pictures, from residents and neighbors. He said that even he had to call himself to arrange for service because pickups had been missed along La Bonne Parkway. He said that while Mr. Neeley may be proud of the start of the yard waste pickup, he

thinks the month of April has been the worst month. He said he is looking for answers, or he will be looking for additional steps to help the residents.

Alderman Ottenad asked if Mr. Neeley had a copy of the problem list, and if so, if he would look at the second to last page.

Mr. Neeley said that he had been given the list right before the meeting and he can review it and compare it to the information they have. He said that Alderman Clement had sent him three e-mails this month, and there have been about 61,000 pickups, with yard waste, recycling, and trash pickup in Manchester, which is about a 99% accuracy rate.

Alderman Ottenad said that when she sees a long list as was given to Mr. Neeley this evening, after four years of handling the trash collection, she would not be so proud.

Alderman Clement said that he is sure that most people who do not receive trash pickup don't bother to notify anyone, so when Mr. Neeley talks about data, he would say that IESI's data is suspect, because he has seen Carman Road on a Saturday morning when there are at least a dozen homes where the Friday pickups have been missed, and they do not contact him. He said he is sure that with the stretch of La Bonne Parkway that he discovered himself on a Friday night, the majority of those people did not bother to contact the City. Alderman Clement said it is not a case of every e-mail received at IESI being the only one where there is a failure, but it is an indicator that there have been a number of failures. He said there have been a number of failures that have not been reported, and this month has been the worst month he personally has dealt with; he is frustrated and tired of dealing with it.

Mr. Neeley said that if he receives the list from the City before the meeting, he can check it with his record; he would have to compare the information received from the City with the data he has. He commented about problems with street repair, and he would have to compare the addresses with information they have. He said that he had communicated with Vincent, the supervisor in this area, that it is important to let Karla know if there are any problems.

Alderman Diehl discussed situations on Sugarhill Drive, Big Bend Woods Drive and in Treetop Subdivision where one side of the street was picked up and the other side wasn't. He said somebody was sent out later that evening and it was picked up.

Mr. Neeley said the drivers pick up one side at a time to avoid going back and forth across the traffic.

Alderman Ottenad said she is still getting e-mails that say the drivers are holding a cell phone with one hand and emptying trash with just one hand, so some of it is still being left in the trash can. She said another problem is that when the trash is loaded into the trucks, some of the trash is left on the ground and nobody is picking it up so residents are left chasing papers and other materials that are left on the ground.

Mr. Neeley said that the phones given to the drivers are also two-way radios, and the drivers are asked to use the two-way radios when they are in the cab. He said that would be addressed at the next safety meeting.

Alderman Ottenad discussed a situation where there was a truck idling for 45 minutes on Rockridge with nobody with it.

Alderman Clement said that one of the more common complaints he has received this month is that there is a failure of the drivers to get the second pickup for which the residents are paying. He said people are tired of taking trash out to the curb and then taking it back in when the pickup is not made.

Mr. Neeley said that when he received Alderman Clement's e-mail, he took the driver out of that area, and there is a new driver now covering the area. He asked that if there are pictures supplied that the pictures be e-mailed to him, and he will share them with the operations manager and supervisor.

Alderman Ryan said he received a complimentary phone call about the trash pickup.

Alderman Clement asked if representatives from IESI could be back at the next meeting. He said it is unfortunate that it is going to be necessary to have someone from IESI attend the meetings every two weeks. He said it is a shame that 15 to 20 minutes need to be spent at each meeting to talk about and review the quality of pickup by IESI, but it looks like that is going to have to be done.

Mayor Willson clarified with Mr. Neeley that someone would be back at the May 19 Board of Aldermen meeting. Mayor Willson said that it appears to him, being aware of the contract, that it is implied that IESI should provide services to meet the needs of the residents. He said that in listening to the members of the Board, he believes IESI has violated the contract in the sense of providing the service, not only to the City, but also to the residents, and it bothers him. He said he has had problems with the trash, as some of the residents have, and it has been an ongoing situation. He said the residents suffer and the members of the Board of Aldermen come to the meeting with a list of complaints, and that is not right.

Mr. Neeley said they are constantly striving to improve their service to get to that 100% mark, and they will continue to do that.

d. Comments from the public

Mr. Tom Brown, 812 Bromfield Terrace, said they moved to Manchester in 1963, so they have seen services of a number of trash companies. He said he heard the comment that the trash people are now instructed to pick up one side only, but when the service was first provided, two sides were done at once. The trucks allowed the drivers to go from either side. He complimented drivers from some years ago; he said the drivers were consistently in the same areas at the same time each pickup day and the job was completed. He said that now all of a sudden, there are people coming into the subdivision at various times in the morning, and they disappear, and maybe they return later, possibly around 4:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m., if they return.

Mr. Brown said that as a follow-up to an e-mail he sent Alderman Hamill, when Manchester started with the trash company, they went up and down Bromfield and picked up the trash from both sides. He said that in the past year and a half, they come down one side around 10:00 a.m. and do not return until possibly 4:30 p.m. He said he has been able to watch this process more lately. He said the problem is that the person who picks up the trash has a cell phone which is attached from the time he is driving the vehicle to the time he gets out of the truck, picks up the can, throws it in, and if you are watching him, he puts the lid either in the can or sets it on top, but if you are not watching him, your trash can is damaged. He said that last week, the driver sat in the truck on one side of the street for 15 to 20 minutes talking on the phone, and in that time, he could have picked up the trash on Bromfield, Broadhurst, and every other street in the subdivision and it would have been completed. Mr. Brown said that when he returned, he only picked up the trash on the one side and went to the corner of Bromfield and Broadhurst, met another truck which picked up yard waste, and the two trucks were at the corner of Bromfield and Broadhurst for at least 20 minutes until a red pickup truck came with some trash, and they sat there again and talked. Mr. Brown said he hopes the City has not signed a new contract with this company. Mr. Brown said if IESI is complaining about rising fuel costs, it is obvious the drivers are wasting it, and he believes they need to be supervised. Mr. Brown said Mr. Neeley mentioned a supervisor; he wants to know where he is. Mr. Brown said they used to see the pickup come down the street, but it is not seen anymore, and he is not sure this is ever going to go away until a new company is under contract with the City.

Ms. Pauline Bair, 305 Morewood Drive, asked if all the permits are in for the Police Facility.

Mr. Blattner responded that the all permits are in and the City has gone out for bid, and the bids are due back on June 2.

Ms. Bair asked when a decision would be made and the contract would be awarded and when the building would start.

Mr. Blattner said if the low bid is acceptable to the members of the Board of Aldermen, the Ordinance could be passed on June 16 and a contract could be signed. He said if these dates are met, it is possible that a shovel could be in the ground the first week of July.

Mr. Greg Smith, 916 Kinsale Drive, a trustee for Seven Oaks Subdivision who has been an activist and has been communicating with the members of the Board of Aldermen, thanked the members of the Board of Aldermen for their support. Mr. Smith commended City Administrator Ed Blattner and other City employees, and said they have all been professional. Mr. Smith said that the pond is about half done from a dredging perspective. He said that the project is at the one-year anniversary of actual construction, but it has been approximately five years in the making. He said the subdivision has spent about \$50,000, and there are still some additional expenditures. Mr. Smith said that from a residential standpoint, they see the pond as part of the big watershed issue.

6. REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR

a. Update regarding Eggs 'n Issues breakfast

Mayor Willson said that City Administrator Ed Blattner and he attended the Eggs 'n Issues breakfast where Mr. Dave Wilson of East-West Gateway discussed the Great Streets Initiative. He said that Director of Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Franz Krintz, Alderman Paul Hamill, Director of Finance Michelle DePew, Director of Public Works Bob Ruck, Alderman Clement, Alderman Ottenad, Chief of Police Connolly, and Alderman Diehl were there also. He said this is important because Manchester is the start of this project as it goes westward out toward Clarkson Road. They discussed improvements to the Manchester Road area. Mayor Willson said that he also had a chance to meet business owners of the area.

b. Comment about the possibility of having a Police Department canine

Mayor Willson said he wanted to advise the Board of Aldermen that there is an opportunity to get some grant money from Dierberg's and Petsmart for that purpose. He said that Chief Connolly has agreed to put together a packet of information for the May 19 meeting regarding the prospect of the City having a Police Department canine.

c. Mayoral Report

Mayor Willson said he had attended his first Homeowners meeting with Alderman Ottenad and Alderman Clement where there was a discussion about trash collection, and there was an update about the Highlands development and the Police Facility. Mayor Willson said that the homeowners are appreciative of the involvement of their aldermen in the association meetings.

Mayor Willson said he was invited by Chief Connolly to attend the Prayer Breakfast for fallen officers on Friday; he said recognition was given in the program to fallen officers back to 1898, and there was a video honoring the fallen officers and councilmen from Kirkwood.

Mayor Willson said he went to his first Homecoming meeting, and there are a great group of dedicated volunteers. He said that also Alderman Clement, Alderman Ottenad and Ms. Eileen Collins were there. He said there is an upbeat attitude about Homecoming.

Mayor Willson said it is great to represent the City at these different meetings.

Mayor Willson said there is a bridge in Seibert Park that is called the "Bridge to Nowhere", and it looks bad. He said he has asked Ms. Collins and Mr. Ruck to come up with a proposal, perhaps on May 19, to submit to the members of the Board of Aldermen to get the bridge painted, hopefully before Homecoming. He said if the bridge was on a resident's property, they would have received Code violations. He said it is a real eyesore, and everyone driving down Manchester Road sees it. Mayor Willson said he believes there is talent in the Parks Department and the Public Works Department to get that bridge painted.

7. REPORTS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

a. List of Paid Bills (Warrant dates April 21 – May 1, 2008)

There were no questions.

b. Seven Oaks Pond Update

City Administrator Ed Blattner discussed photographs of pictures from today showing the condition of the pond. He gave a history of the Seven Oaks Pond problems and said that about a year ago a project was started to eliminate the flooding in the Seven Oaks Subdivision. He discussed the piping and the box culverts that were put in to keep the water in the channel, prevent flooding in the residential areas, and get the water into the pond. He said that to keep the water in the pond, until the water could be drained out of the pond, they had to put in another outfall pipe under Dougherty Ferry, the level of the lake had to be lowered by two feet to provide storage of stormwater, and he discussed flooding of Dougherty Ferry if the process was not done. He discussed storage provided to avoid stormwater problems, and the necessity to dredge the pond. Mr. Blattner advised that by lowering the pond by two feet, many areas of the pond were exposed with very little water on mud bottoms. He said that with a project starting last January, about 4,800 yards of material was removed by the City and another 450 yards of material was removed by the trustees themselves in addition. He said the project is complete except for hauling off about 100 yards of material where the equipment sets.

Alderman Clement said that last fall there was a meeting with the Seven Oaks trustees and residents, and they discussed how to make this shallow lake look better. He said the Mayor and Board at that time supported the work, and up to this point, the City has spent about \$113,000 in removing the 4,800 yards of material. He referred to pictures and advised that the area where the water will flow into the lake is now probably about six feet deep, but the problem is there is still a high area in the center, which is probably about a foot or two under the water. He discussed dredging to remove that material. He said that Alderman Ottenad, City Administrator Ed Blattner, Mr. Greg Smith, and he looked at the pond, and they are asking for approval to seek removal of about another 740 yards of additional material at a cost estimated at \$15,000. He said the urgency is that the equipment will be moved tomorrow, and the equipment will not come back without a significant charge to move all equipment back in, so it is important to get this done now to avoid a need for the equipment to be moved back.

Alderman Steinbrenner expressed her concern to the residents. She said that when her husband and she moved into Manchester, that area was one of the most appealing areas because of this pond. She said that she looked at the pond today, and the pond is better, but it still needs more work, probably more than what they are looking at currently, and she gives her support on this project. She said that the Seven Oaks area is lovely.

Mr. Greg Smith asked about the 4,800 yard original estimate. He said he realizes it is hard to tell, and he does not think anyone could have had an exact answer in the beginning, because until getting into a project like this, you just do not know what is involved. He asked what the goal of the 4,800 yards was; he said he would like to see this project complete to the point of being acceptable. He asked about the original logic behind the 4,800 yards.

City Administrator Ed Blattner answered that taking the entire area of the pond times two feet, that came close to the original 4,800 yards, but as it turned out, it was not possible to just remove two feet all the way across because of the type of material being dealt with.

Mr. Smith said the reason two feet could not be removed across the pond is because of the condition of the soil. He said that the original contractor hired by the Subdivision sank three or four times in the mud, and tow trucks had to pull out the equipment.

Alderman Clement said that the only way the contractor was able to get in was to dredge out the material until getting to the bottom, and that is why this area toward Kinsale and near the inlets is going to be nice and quite deep. He said it was impossible to go through the entire pond and remove two feet of material, because the equipment had to work off a firm surface and to get to the firm surface, it was necessary to go to the bottom.

Mr. Smith said he understands the financial constraints, and the contractor is performing in an outstanding manner, but the project looks half done. He said it is not as if the subdivision is saying they do not have any stake in it. He said funds were paid to an original contractor who finally said they could not handle a problem of this scope. He said it is a major project, and the subdivision has also invested about \$53,000 or \$54,000, and this is more than the residents can bear. He said this is not a pond stocked and used for fishing or for recreation; it is an extremely active watershed. He discussed waterflow into the pond. He said that even if the pond is completely drained and the drain is open, with a half inch rain the pond would be filled; it has probably been completely full six or seven times and then it eventually drains down.

Alderman Diehl said he thinks the job should be completed satisfactorily.

Alderman Steinbrenner asked about the original expenditure.

Alderman Ottenad said the original expenditure was \$113,000, and they are begging for \$15,000, but if the Board approves more, additional work can be done, and they would be very grateful.

Alderman Steinbrenner said she wants to see the job done right.

Alderman Hamill asked if there is any information from a contractor that indicates exactly what is necessary to fix the pond. He asked where the 740 yards being discussed originated.

Alderman Clement said he does not think the entire lake needs to be completely dredged because there is a deeper area back at the end. He said the 740 yards is an arbitrary number based on the math that City Administrator Ed Blattner and he did right before the meeting started, and that would cost \$15,000.

Alderman Hamill asked for an estimate of cost to complete the job in a satisfactory manner.

Alderman Ottenad commented that she does not think anyone actually knows what the cost would be.

Alderman Clement said that Mr. Blattner probably has the closest answer.

City Administrator Ed Blattner said that he would estimate an additional cost of \$100,000 to dredge the rest of the pond.

Alderman Steinbrenner suggested that perhaps they should look at a dollar amount somewhere between \$15,000 and \$100,000.

Mayor Willson said he thinks the question is if the Board wants to appropriate additional funds for the subdivision to have their pond restored to a reasonable point and if so, what funds the Board desires to appropriate.

Alderman Clement asked, if the Board would authorize funds to connect with the deeper area on the west end, if Mr. Blattner has a rough estimate whether \$60,000 or \$70,000 would cover removing the big plateau and opening up into that deep area.

City Administrator Ed Blattner said he would estimate that it might take another 5,000 yards of sediment removal at a cost of \$100,000, including the cost of taking dump truck loads of the sediment to the landfill. There was further discussion regarding estimates of price and accomplishment.

Alderman Clement asked about the likelihood of the work being accomplished at a cost of \$70,000.

Alderman Steinbrenner said that obviously \$15,000 will not complete the job. She reiterated that perhaps they should consider a figure between \$15,000 and \$100,000, and \$60,000 to \$70,000 could be a compromise figure.

Alderman Hamill asked about getting communication with the contractor to get an estimate or firm bid for the desired accomplishment.

Mr. Blattner said the problem is that the material seen in the picture on the surface is fairly dry, but as the material is moved, even as attempts are made to pump out the water, the material mixes up with the water and becomes much more fluid, so there is about 20% volume in water, because it is impossible to keep it de-watered. To answer Alderman Clement's question, Mr. Blattner estimated that to remove 3,500 cubic feet, the cost would be approximately \$70,000.

Alderman Clement made the motion that the Board of Aldermen approve an additional expenditure of \$70,000 to remove more of the debris and dirt from the Seven Oaks Pond. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ottenad.

Mayor Willson asked for input regarding a budget impact from the Director of Finance.

Director of Finance Michelle DePew said the funds would come out of the Parks and Stormwater Budget as a budget adjustment, and there is a healthy fund balance currently. She said the 2008 budget is fairly aggressive, but there is still reserve left.

City Administrator Ed Blattner said that emergency action could be taken on May 19. He said he could call the contractor this evening about this issue.

Alderman Steinbrenner asked why the reason for this urgency.

Alderman Clement said that the contractor is going to remove the equipment, and there needs to be some indication that the City can go back to the contractor at the latest tomorrow morning or even tonight to request that the equipment is not removed.

Alderman Steinbrenner asked why the Ordinance is being postponed for two weeks.

City Attorney Gunn responded that the Ordinances are not done. City Attorney Gunn then added the comment that this is a private pond, and he wants to make sure the members of the Board of Aldermen understand that, but it is to some extent part of the City's stormwater system, but not crucial, and he wanted to make sure the record reflected that.

Alderman Clement said that he does think that in the City of Manchester, this pond is a watershed and it really serves a purpose. He said the City should not lose track of that.

Mayor Willson asked for a poll of the Board.

A poll of the Board showed:

Alderman Ryan – aye
Alderman Diehl – aye
Alderman Ottenad – aye
Alderman Clement – aye
Alderman Steinbrenner – aye
Alderman Hamill – aye

Mayor Willson announced the motion passed 6 – 0.

Alderman Clement and Alderman Ottenad thanked the members of the Board of Aldermen for their generosity.

c. Missouri Manager's Conference: May 7-9, 2008

City Administrator Ed Blattner reminded the Mayor and members of the Board of Aldermen that he would be away at a Conference Wednesday through Friday of this week.

Alderman Ottenad asked about attendance at the Free Energy Action Workshop on May 9

Mr. Blattner responded that Director of Public Works Bob Ruck would be attending that workshop.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

a. Planning and Zoning Commission

Alderman Clement said the next meeting will not be until June.

b. Historic Review Commission

Alderman Steinbrenner said the Commission interviewed Mr. Dennis Tacchi as a possibility for an architect to design the war memorial. She said that Mr. Chuck Jahneke was interviewed two weeks ago for the same position. She said the Commission decided on awarding the project to Mr. Jahneke, so the process of the war memorial design will begin. She asked that the Board be as generous with the war memorial as with the pond.

9. ACTION ON OLD BILLS

a. There were none.

10. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BILLS

a. APPOINTMENT OF EILEEN COLLINS AS THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Alderman Ottenad introduced Bill # 08-1977, entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING EILEEN L. COLLINS AS THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE CITY OF MANCHESTER AND ESTABLISHING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SAID EMPLOYMENT”, by title only.

Alderman Ottenad asked for an Executive Session before the Bill is read for the second time, because there are some questions about the contents of the Bill.

No further action at this time.

b. BUDGET AMENDMENT TO PURCHASE E-MAIL ARCHIVING SOFTWARE

Alderman Hamill introduced Bill # 08-1978, entitled: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 07-1838 ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MANCHESTER FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008, BY REVISING THE ESTABLISHED BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$3,400.00) TO FUND THE COST OF PURCHASING AN E-MAIL ARCHIVING SOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF MANCHESTER”, by title only.

Alderman Clement said if he understands correctly, with an archival system, all e-mails sent out or received using the City's system are subject to Sunshine Requests.

City Attorney Patrick Gunn said that in his view, they are subject to Sunshine Act requests, but there are certain e-mails that may be subject to closure, for instance, if he is included on the e-mail, there is an attorney-client privilege, and if he were to generate the e-mail, there might be an attorney-work privilege, and there may be other areas that might be within ambits subject to closure. He said there would have to be a policy to regulate those things once the system is operational.

Alderman Clement said this topic is big in the news at the State level; he asked if other cities use this type of archival e-mail system.

City Administrator Ed Blattner said that Ed Skaggs said this is state of the art process that the City should have. He said that it was indicated that normally e-mails are kept for four years and then the messages are deleted.

Alderman Clement asked if e-mails initiated and being received currently are subject to the Sunshine Act.

City Attorney Patrick Gunn said that they are public records, but the question is whether they are open or closed public records, and that would depend on the subject matter, they may be closed.

c. BILL AMENDING ORDINANCE # 08-1858 FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES TO ADDRESS CONCERNS FOR THE LA MARITE STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

Alderman Clement introduced Bill # 08-1979, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 08-1858 RELATING TO THE PLAN DESIGN OF STORM WATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AREA KNOWN AND REFERRED TO AS THE LA MARITE PROPOSED STORM WATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT AREA BY EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF WORK TO ADDRESS COMMON GROUND DRAINAGE CONCERNS, SUCH TO BE PROVIDED AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$5,720.00)", by title only.

Alderman Clement asked if this change for additional expense is strictly for planning.

City Administrator Ed Blattner said that is true. He said Cole and Associates bid on the re-design of the work in the area. He said that looking at the drainage off La Bonne Parkway, it was determined that the new system would be very efficient in collecting the stormwater off the back yards, and with the curb along La Bonne Parkway from La Marite up toward Carman Road and that will ensure that there is no water going from the street into the back yards, and therefore, that will run down into that trench drain. Mr. Blattner said that also means that there will not be bypass going down those inlets that exist on La Marite that drains on the common ground. He said that with the redistribution of the water, there is concern how the common ground would be affected, so it was decided that there should be additional study to determine that effect.

No further action at this time.

- d. BILL AMENDING BUDGET AND ACCEPTING CONTRACT FOR FRONT COUNTER SECURITY

Alderman Steinbrenner postponed this item until the May 19 Board of Aldermen meeting.

- e. BILL CONTRACTING FOR EMPLOYEE DENTAL INSURANCE

Alderman Diehl introduced Bill # 08-1980 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A CONTRACT WITH PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE TERM BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2008 AND ENDING ON MAY 31, 2010 PROVIDING DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER", by title only.

No further action at this time.

- f. BILL CONTRACTING FOR EMPLOYEE LONG TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE

Alderman Ryan introduced Bill # 08-1981 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR LONG-TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2008 THROUGH MAY 31, 2010", by title only.

No further action at this time.

11. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Comments from the Public

Mr. Fred Mayer, 924 Courtland Place, said he knows the focus on the development in Manchester is the Manchester Highlands, but he understands there has been discussion of developing the south side of Manchester, and he thinks one of the things that could help the area would be a Farmer's Market.

Mayor Willson acknowledged the presence of Officer Cory Matthews who was at the meeting protecting all individuals.

Mr. Tom Brown, 812 Bromfield, stated that Code Enforcement Officer Dave Fox is one individual who is inundated with a lot of work to do, and he asked if there is funding for hiring someone to assist him.

Alderman Ottenad said that when the full-time secretary was hired for the Planning and Zoning Commission, the idea was that she was supposed to give some time in doing some of Mr. Fox's letters to take off some of the burden, and she does not think that has happened yet.

Mr. Brown said that Manchester is a fairly-large community and he asked what could be done to correct the Code Enforcement situation.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

- a. Closed Session: Pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri pertaining to legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communication between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.

Alderman Clement made the motion to go into Closed Session: Pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri pertaining to legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communication between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys. The motion was seconded by Alderman Steinbrenner.

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Alderman Ryan – aye

Mayor Willson announced the motion passed 6 – 0.

- b. Closed Session: Pursuant to Section 610.021 (2) of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri pertaining to the leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefore.

Alderman Steinbrenner made the motion to go into Closed Session: Pursuant to Section 610.021 (2) of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri pertaining to the leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefore. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hamill.

A poll of the Board showed:

Alderman Ottenad – aye
Alderman Clement – aye

Alderman Steinbrenner – aye
Alderman Hamill – aye
Alderman Ryan – aye
Alderman Diehl – aye

Mayor Willson announced the motion passed 6 – 0.

- c. Closed Session: Pursuant to Section 610.021 (13) of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri pertaining to individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment.

Alderman Diehl made the motion to go into Closed Session: Pursuant to Section 610.021 (13) of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri pertaining to individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ottenad.

A poll of the Board showed:

Alderman Clement – aye
Alderman Steinbrenner – aye
Alderman Hamill – aye
Alderman Ryan – aye
Alderman Diehl – aye
Alderman Ottenad – aye

Mayor Willson announced the motion passed 6 – 0.

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:47 p.m., there being no further business, Alderman Ryan and Alderman Steinbrenner simultaneously made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clement and carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Baker, MRCC
City Clerk